

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendment and the remarks set forth below. Prior to this amendment, Claims 1-40 were pending. In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, the applicants elect, without traverse, Group I including Claims 1-14 and 17-24 for continued prosecution. By the above amendment, applicants have withdrawn Claims 15, 16 and 25-40 without prejudice. The applicants expressly reserve the right to continue prosecution on the withdrawn Claims 15, 16 and 25-40 in one or more Divisional Patent Applications claiming priority of the above captioned patent application.

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